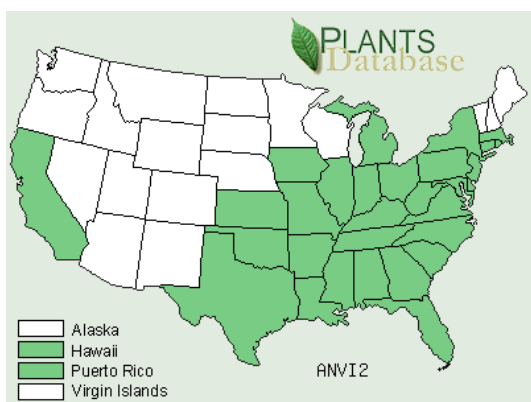


Field Collection of Broomsedge Bluestem (*Andropogon virginicus* L.)

DESCRIPTION: Broomsedge Bluestem is a native, warm-season, herbaceous, perennial bunchgrass. The slender, erect culms are up to 4 feet tall. Broomsedge Bluestem is propagated by seeds or by plant division.



WHERE USUALLY FOUND:

Broomsedge Bluestem is found on the edges of forests and disturbed areas throughout the eastern United States. It is frequently found in low fertility soil, as it requires less fertilizer and management than other species.



WHAT TO COLLECT: Collect seed heads from a minimum of 25 plants for each collection site.

WHEN TO COLLECT: Seed typically ripens about 6 weeks after flowering. A good time to harvest is when seed is at the hard dough stage.

HOW TO HANDLE COLLECTION:

Collect seed in a paper bag. Allow seed to dry in the open bag for about 1 week prior to shipping to the Plant Materials Center. Send collected seed heads to:

Rose Lake Plant Materials Center
7472 Stoll Road
E. Lansing, MI 48823
517/641-6300 telephone

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